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PEAT ENTERPRISES EXCEEDED PRODUCTION QUOTA

BELORUSSIAN PEAT WORKERS ACHIEVE HIGH PRODUCTION -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya, No. 105, 28 May 49

Peat artels of the Minsk Oblast Peat and Ceramics Industrial Union had fulfilled 35.3 percent of the season plan for peat cutting by 20 May. The best results were achieved by "Bol'shevik" Artel, which fulfilled the April plan 184 percent and the May plan by 20 May, and by the Artel imeni Vorochilov, which fulfilled the April plan 156 percent and the May plan by 20 May. One brigade of the Artel imeni Vos'moy s'ezda Sovetov and a brigade of "Bol'shevik" Artel have already completed the season plan for peat mining and have promised to cut two additional quotas by the end of the season.

MOSCOW PEAT TRUST COMPLETES 5-MONTH PLAN -- Moskovskiy Komsomolets, No 64, 24 May 49

The Orekhovo-Zuyev Peat Trust completed the 2-month program for peat mining on 19 May, and the 5-month gross-production plan on 21 May. The trust saved over 2 million rubles above plan and released 1,100,000 rubles of working capital. The gathering of cut peat was started 3 weeks ahead of schedule. The first few thousand tons of high-quality fuel have been stacked.

SHATURA PEAT TRUST MECHANIZES OPERATIONS -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 68, 23 Mar 49

Shatura peat workers enjoyed a successful year in 1948, fulfilling their peat extraction plan far ahead of schedule. Until last year, peat workers turned by hand the very heavy and bulky pipes used in peat extraction. After attempts over many years, machines were created and used last year to handle this labor-consuming work. The pouring of watery peat will be mechanized 95 percent in the Petrovsko-Kobelevsk peat enterprise and 62 percent in all Shatura Peat Trust enterprises this year. Machines for the collection of watery peat will also be widely used.

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The extraction, drying, and collection of cut peat is completely mechanized at the Pustoshka, Ryazanovsk, and Dubrovno peat enterprises, all of which have been constructed during the postwar Five-Year Plan.

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